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26 February 1953

PROJECT: OTLINEN

Target Area: GDR (Sovzone Germany); Berlin (East and West)

TASKS:

- A. Production and distribution of anti-Soviet, anti-GDR, and pro-US propaganda.
- B. Administrative harassment operations directed at the GDR government structure.
- C. Propaganda operations to publicize conditions in the GDR.
- D. Collecting and publicizing information on GDR concentration, forced labor, and internment camps; search service for detained, arrested and missing GDR citizens.
- E. Counselling and assistance of GDR refugees and visitors; advisory service to West Berlin government on refugee matters.

CASE OFFICER: contacts P/A on policy matters.
- DOB, 7 September 1920; Grade - GS-11; Language - German (fluent - read, speak, write); Education - 4 years high school, 4 years college (B.A., Alaburdt College), 6 months ASTP (Fordham U.), Summer 1951 (Law School, U. of Michigan), September 1951-August 1952 (M.B.A., U. of Michigan School of Business Adm.)

PRINCIPAL AGENT: Charles E. Newham - DOB, 27 June 1910 - German citizen
Education - university level; Subject is a Professor and Hochschullehrer (Jr. College).
Political Background - was affiliated with the SPD, but due to pro-US viewpoints concerning Germany's role in the EDC was dropped from the SPD in late 1952. Has rather excellent contacts to FDP and CDU functionaries at present.
Service - Subject cleared for position of political propaganda specialist in OTLINEN on 24 August 1950. Subject became the leader of OTLINEN in mid-1952.
Personality and Character - Subject is the intellectual type, politically mature, strongly motivated with the European community concept. He is an excellent propagandist but at times lacks diplomatic finesse in dealing with important political personalities.

Assistant Principal Agent: OT-10 (Leader - Baehrmann) - DOB, 18 August 1923 - German citizen
Education - junior college level
Employment Background - German Army service 1941-1945; police service from 1945 to 1951.

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Service - Subject was cleared for DTLINE. He supervises all Sovsone operations as well as the DTLINE Sovsone assets.

Personality and Character - Subject is honest, a tireless worker, extremely security conscious, and appears to believe strongly in the necessity for the type of activities carried out by DTLINE.

CURRENT STATUS:

DTLINE at present is compartmented into an overt and covert section; the former carries out all attributable type activities, while the latter is responsible for non-attributable Sovsone operations. Recent audits of DTLINE's books, new procedures for controlling allocations of CADRAIN funds, maximum compartmentation of covert section offices, re-assessment of East Zone assets, clearances for all covert section personnel, schooling programs for covert section employees, systematic planning of operations, provisions to minimize GDR security measures and other procedures in the process of implementation are indicators attesting to DTLINE's status as a soundly-controlled and soundly-operated project.